IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1203 OF 2006

Shri Sachin Harishchandra Deshmukh .... Applicant.

V/s

The State of Mahrashtra ....Respondent.

Ms. S. Mahispurkar with Mrs S.S. Kadam for the applicant.

Ms. S.D. Shinde, APP for the State.

CORAM: V.M. KANADE, J.

DATE: 3rd May, 2006

P.C.:

1. Heard the learned Counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the State.

2. The applicant was arrested in connection with the offence punishable under section 489A, B, C & D read with section 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. It is alleged that information was received by the Investigating Officer that counterfeit currency notes were being printed on the computer and, therefore, the premises were raided and the applicant was arrested at the spot while he was cutting the counterfeit notes.

4. The learned Counsel for the applicant submitted that the charge-sheet had been filed and from the perusal of the charge-sheet, no offence was made out under section 489A, B, C & D of the Indian Penal Code. She invited my attention to the statements of witnesses which were recorded. She submitted that the Sessions Court had not taken into consideration the fact that the applicant was merely cutting the counterfeit notes and was an employee.

5. I have perused the complaint and the statements of witnesses. The offence which is alleged to have been committed by the applicant is of a very serious nature. From the material which is on record, in my view, this is not a fit case for grant of bail.

6. Application for bail is rejected. The trial is expedited. If the trial is not over within a reasonable period of time, liberty is granted to the applicant to file fresh application for bail after expiry of six months.

7. Application is accordingly disposed of.

V.M. KANADE, J.